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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Birthday Session of the Mysore Representative Assembly, June 1922.

ORDER No. M. 3342-3403—R. A. 28-21-1, DATED 3RD FEBRUARY 1922.

The annexed calendar for the Birthday Session of the Mysore Representative Assembly to be held at Mysore in June 1922 is forwarded to the Deputy Commissioners of Districts for information, guidance and punctual compliance.

2. The attention of the Deputy Commissioners is invited to (i) instructions laid down in paragraphs 18 and 19 of Government Notification No. G. 10156—G. R. 33-14-1, dated 22nd March 1915, and paragraph 20 of the same Notification as modified by Government Order No. G. 6395-444—G. M. 311-15-1, dated 24th November 1915, regarding the selection and compilation of subjects to be discussed in the Assembly and (ii) Government Order No. Camp 8-58—G. M. 610-17-1, dated 22nd April 1918, regarding interpellations relating to matters of public interest, and also (iii) G. O. No. G. 7212-60—G. M. 362-16-1, dated 1st December 1916, modified by G. O. No. G. 13053-122—R. A. 49-18-4, dated 6th December 1919, containing the rules regulating the conduct of business at the Second Session, now styled as the Birthday Session of the Assembly.

K. MATTHAN,
Chief Secretary to Government.

CALENDAR FOR THE BIRTHDAY SESSION OF THE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY, JUNE 1922.

1. *By the 22nd February 1922.*—(*a*) Taluk Members and District Boards, Municipal Councils and Recognised Associations should send to the respective Deputy Commissioners, memoranda of representations, suggestions on the subject desired to be brought forward for discussion and interpellations for being answered at the Birthday Session of the Representative Assembly at Mysore.

(*b*) List of Representative Assembly Members who are likely to attend the Meeting should be sent to the General and Revenue Secretariat.

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2. *By the 22nd March 1922.*—The Deputy Commissioners should hold at the District Headquarters a Meeting of the members in order to select finally the subjects and interpellations to be sent to the General and Revenue Secretariat for inclusion in the consolidated list.

3. *By the 3rd April 1922.*—(a) Compilation of Memoranda of subjects to be discussed in the Assembly with the Deputy Commissioner's remarks, and interpellations should reach the General and Revenue Secretariat.

(b) Subjects proposed for discussion by the Mysore University together with the names of members from that body likely to attend the Meeting should be sent by the Registrar direct to the General and Revenue Secretariat.

4 *The 6th June 1922.*—Assembly Meetings commence.

Special Finance Committee.

READ—

Proceedings of the Ninth Meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 19th November 1921.

ORDER NO. 4899-4958—C. B. 171-21-1, DATED 3RD FEBRUARY 1922.

The budget estimates of receipts and expenditure of the State for the current year show a small surplus of Rs. 64,000 in the revenue account, but according to the latest available information the year is expected to close with a heavy deficit owing to the receipts under some revenue heads falling short of expectations and to certain unavoidable items of revenue expenditure in excess of budget provision. The position is not likely to improve during the next and succeeding years and the need has arisen for adopting urgent measures for the improvement of the budget position and the avoidance of deficit.

The Government have recently effected material reductions under establishment charges in certain departments and the proposals for retrenchment of expenditure made by non-official members of the Finance Committee appointed under Government Order No. Fl C. 1-50 dated the 8th October 1919, have also been duly examined and given effect to wherever found possible.

The measures already adopted are, however, not adequate to secure the end in view, and when the general budget position was considered by the Finance Committee at its last meeting, Rajasabhabhushana Dewan Bahadur K. P. Puttanna Chetty, C.I.E., suggested the appointment of a Commission consisting of one or two officials and five or six non-officials with a Member of Council as Chairman, with definite instructions to investigate the working of each department, sitting from day to day, and suggest measures for improvement of revenue and reduction of expenditure so as to restore financial equilibrium. Although the Committee did not arrive at any unanimous conclusion in regard to the constitution and scope of such a Commission, the general sense of the non-official members was in favour of instituting an independent and close enquiry into the financial position of the State by a competent body specially appointed for the purpose.

The Government recognise that the Finance Committee as at present constituted and with the limitations under which it has to work cannot be expected to undertake the detailed and continuous investigation of the finances which the present situation demands. At the same time they are of opinion that such investigation should be undertaken in close association with responsible non-official leaders of public opinion. They are accordingly pleased to appoint a Special Committee for scrutinising the financial position of the State, constituted as follows :—

Chairman.

Rajasabhabhushana Diwan Bahadur K. P. Puttanna Chetty, C.I.E., Retired Member of Council, Bangalore.

Official Members.

(i) Mr. C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, B.A., Inspector-General of Education in Mysore.

(ii) Mr. M. N. Krishna Rao, B.A., Financial Secretary to Government.

Non-official Members.

(i) Rao Bhadur M. C. Ranga Iyengar, B.A., Member of the Legislative Council, Mysore.

(ii) Rao Saheb H. Chennaiya, Member of the Legislative Council, Bangalore.

(iii) Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan, Member of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council, Bangalore.

(iv) Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Advocate, Shimoga.

Secretary.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Iyengar, B.A., B.L., Senior Assistant Commissioner.

No. 4899-4958—C. B. 171-21-1, DATED 3RD FEBRUARY 1922.

The work of the Special Committee will be mainly as follows :—

(*a*) Reviewing the State's finances for the past five years with a view to ascertain the causes of the deficit in the revenue position ;

(*b*) Formulating proposals for wiping out the deficit and restoring financial equilibrium

(i) by retrenchment and economy of expenditure without impairing the efficiency of essential services, and

(ii) by improvement of revenue and resources, including enhanced additional taxation, if found unavoidable;

(*c*) Preparing a forecast of revenue and expenditure for the next three years so as to result in a balanced budget after providing for the necessary financial reserves, such as, Famine Reserve and Sinking Funds for loans, as well as for renewals and replacements of the State Railways;

(*d*) Preparing a forecast of capital demands under all heads for the next three years with reference to the resources (including loans) that may be counted upon;

(*e*) Examining past policy in regard to Public Debt Investments and Ways and Means operations including the utilisation of Reserve and Depreciation Funds, and suggesting changes if considered necessary.

The Special Committee will be authorised to summon and examine Heads of Departments, Secretaries to Government and officers of the lower rank and will be entitled to be promptly furnished with all necessary information as to the working of every department of the administration and the finances of the State in general. The Committee may also in special cases summon and examine non-official witnesses who may be considered to be competent to give useful and constructive suggestions in regard to particular subjects. It will be competent to the Committee to make recommendations as to all matters affecting public expenditure and revenue.

The sittings of the Committee will be held at Bangalore and will not be open to the public.

The Committee is requested to commence its work forthwith, sit from day to day and submit its final report to Government as early as practicable. The Government specially desire that an *ad interim* report containing recommendations relative to the budget of the next official year may, if possible, be sent up by the beginning of April next.

K. MATTHAN,
Chief Secretary to Government.